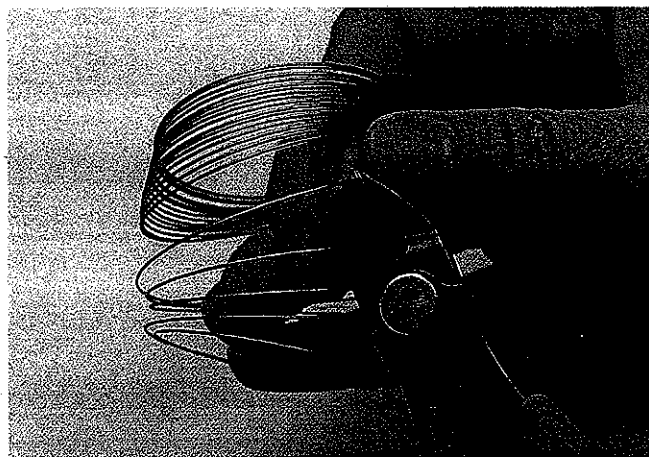
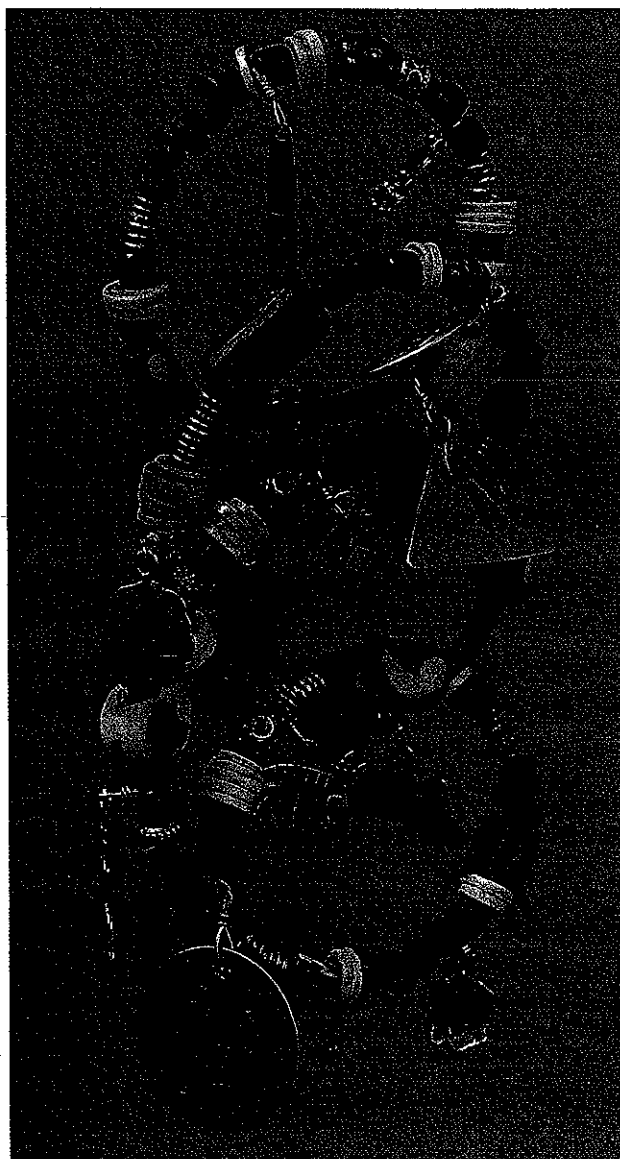


# Memory Wire Bracelet

DESIGN: MELANIE ALTER

*The bundles-of-bangles look is big. With memory wire, you can create a clever variation—a bunch of bracelets all in one. Widely available in bead and craft stores, memory wire remains coiled even after you've beaded it and wrapped it around your wrist. The spiral shape lends itself especially well to funky ethnic finds, like the beads and charms featured in this design.*



**1** Cut the wire so that you're working with a length that forms three complete and two half loops.

## YOU WILL NEED

### Memory wire

A handful (literally) of assorted large-holed ethnic beads (In the design shown, Melanie Alter has used a variety of tube- and barrel-shaped African beads of horn and dyed bone, some glass beads, chips, and tiny bronze spacers.)

### Charms

(a variety of bronze charms are used in this design)

### Jump rings (optional)

### Round-nose pliers

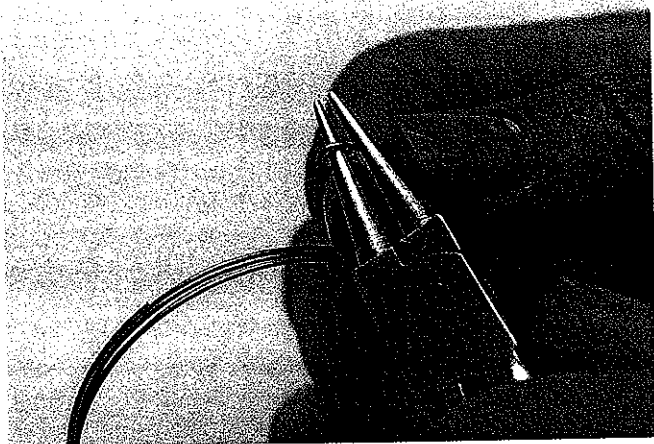
### Chain-nose pliers

### Wire cutters

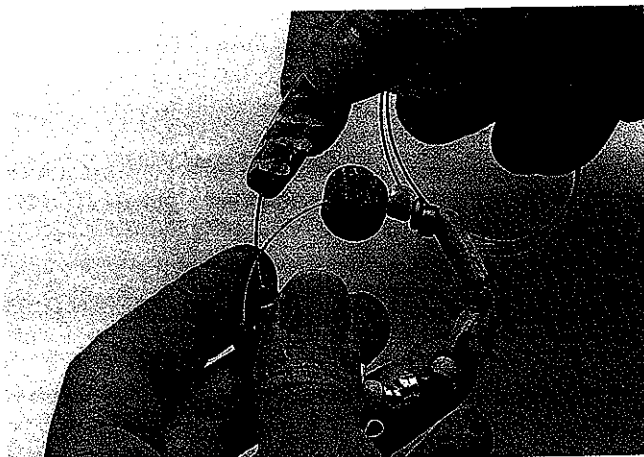
## HOW TO

Jump Rings, page 14 (optional)

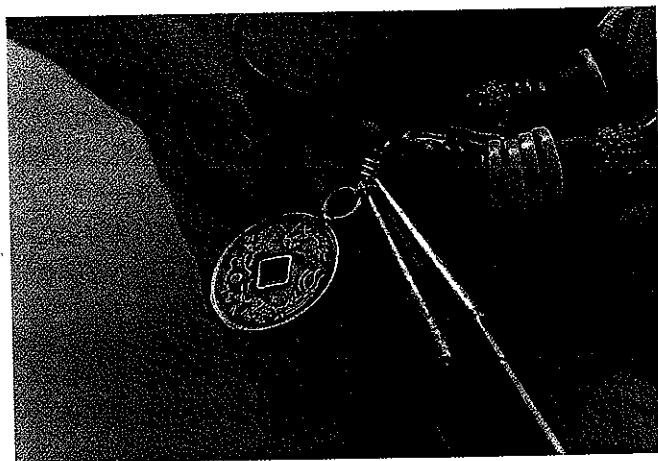
Making a Wire Loop, page 16 (optional)



2 With the round-nose pliers, form a loop at one end of the wire to keep the beads you will string from falling off.



3 String beads and charms onto the wire in a random fashion. Be sure the beads you've chosen have large enough holes; don't force small-holed beads onto the wire. As you work, check to see that the beads lie next to each other well. Large beads on adjacent coils will likely crowd each other and prevent the coils from lying smoothly.



4 Most charms have loops that can be strung onto the wire along with the beads. If you've chosen some charms without loops (or if the loops are too small to string), simply make your own or use a jump ring. (See Making a Wire Loop, page 16, or Jump Rings, page 14.)



5 When you've filled the wire with charms and beads, add a final charm and use the round-nose pliers to form a closing loop.

#### VARIATIONS

Some of Melanie Alter's other memory wire bracelet designs are featured on page 49.